

DRAFT
Heartland Regional
Local Human Rights Committee
Meeting Minutes
January 29, 2007
6PM
Greater Purpose Center
Rice, VA

Members Present: Virginia Berkley, Aaron Myers, and Royce Cersley

Members absent: Darin Knicely, Sisty Cersley,

Others Present: Ed Helton, Mike Helton and Mattie Walker-Helton House, Tony Wilbourne-Virginia Baptist Children's Home & Family Services, Mary Taylor-Mary's Rest Home, Michael Jordan-Next Level Residential, Gail Worrell & Kathy Nett-Family Preservation, Dorsey Drawhorn & Nina Baskerville, Amelia Residential Estates

Others absent: Deborah Berkley, PhD -Madeline Center At Home, Vanessa Harvey-VP&J Services, and Stacia Macklin-United Methodist Family Services

Virginia Berkley, Chair called the meeting to order.

Minutes

The draft minutes from the October 23, 2006 and November 1, 2006 meetings were approved as written with the Gail Worrell correcting her name on the minutes and current agenda.

Recruitment

Sherry Miles discussed the "life expectancy" of this Committee if active recruitment does not occur soon. Ms. Miles explained that the Committee has five members with two vacancies and the State Human Rights Committee (SHRC) considers it functional. On June 30, 2007, the Committee loses three members, which leaves two members and the SHRC considers any LHRC with less than three members as non-functional. Affiliated program were reminded to maintain their license each program must be affiliated with a functional LHRC. As well, Sherry reminded affiliated program they would be in violations of human rights regulation 12 VAC 35-115-250.A.5, which requires providers to assure an LHRC to all individuals receiving services. Affiliated members and Committee members took applications in an effort to recruit.

MEMBER REAPPOINTMENT

The last meeting announcement sent to Darin was returned indicating he was no longer at that address. His first term expired in 2006 and he filled the position of family member. If he cannot be located soon, he will be removed from the roster.

Regional Advocate Report

Sherry reminded affiliated program to make sure they complete the entire peer-to-peer reporting form. She updated the Committee on the status of the human rights regulations and will begin training on the changes when regulations are promulgated.

Affiliate Reports**Family Preservation Services**

Gail Worrell reported the program has moved to a new facility on South Main Street and no problems have arisen during this reporting period. She introduced Kathy Nett an intern from ODU.

Helton House

Ed Helton reported the Christmas banquet for consumers, families, and staff went well with a very large turnout. As well, he reported that no consumers have moved into the new home due to problems with a neighbor. The plan is to use the property after the neighbor has moved.

Mary's Rest Home

Mary Taylor reported no human rights complaints or allegations of abuse/neglect. The program currently has two vacancies and consumers attend day support.

Next Level Residential Services

Michael Jordan reported things are quiet at the group home. However, there were a few rough spots during the reporting periods but all issues had been resolved. Consumers are attending day support.

VP&J Services

Absent.

Virginia Baptist Children's Home

Tony Wilbourne reported having five consumers in the program including a respite consumer with two openings. Three consumers are in day support. The program has hired one new staff.

United Methodist Family Services

Absent

Madeline Center at Home

Absent

Amelia Residential Estates

Dorsey Drawhorn reported having two consumers in his program with the possibility of two other consumers coming in February. His home has capacity for six. No other problems were reported.

Executive Session

The motion was made and passed to go into Executive Session pursuant to Virginia Code, 2.2-3711 (15), for the purpose of discussion or consideration of the behavioral plan for JG (Helton House). This review necessarily involved discussion and consideration of mental and medical records excluded and information excluded from the Freedom of Information Act. Members present were Virginia Berkley, Aaron Myers, and Royce Cersley.

Upon reconvening in public session, the Heartland Regional Local Human Rights Committee unanimously certified that to the best of each Local Human Rights Committee member's knowledge, only public business matters lawfully exempt from statutory open meeting requirements, and only public business matters identified in the motion to convene the Executive Session were discussed in the Executive Session.

The Committee unanimously passed a motion to approve the behavior management plan for JG as written. The Committee requested a review of the consumer's progress at each quarterly meeting.

Next Meeting

The Committee scheduled all meetings for 2007. The time and location will remain the same—4PM at the Greater Purpose Center in Rice, Virginia. The meeting dates are April 17, July 16, and October 15.

With no other information to be discussed, the meeting adjourned.